

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its South San Francisco District.	Application 03-10-017 (Filed October 1, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Stockton District.	Application 03-10-018 (Filed October 1, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Mid-Peninsula District.	Application 03-10-019 (Filed October 1, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Salinas District.	Application 03-10-020 (Filed October 1, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Bakersfield District.	Application 03-10-021 (Filed October 1, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Salinas District (excluding the service areas of the County Meadows Mutual Water System and the Indian Springs Mutual Water System).	Application 03-10-031 (Filed October 1, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS**

Upon the recommendation of the Commission's Public Advisor, based on the number of ratepayer inquiries and comments concerning the proposed applications, Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) will be held in Bakersfield for the Bakersfield District. The hearings will be at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 11, 2004. The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Calendar Clerk will notify the parties as to the location once it is ascertained.

Rather than a separate PPH for the South San Francisco District, the assigned ALJ will receive any public or ratepayer comment on the application during a break in the evidentiary hearing. Specifically, public or ratepayer comments will be received from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, in a Commission Hearing Room at 505 Van Ness, San Francisco, California 94102.

California Water Service Company shall notify its customers in both districts of these public participation events. The notice will be approved in advance by the Public Advisor. In the event notice cannot be timely mailed to customers with other communications or billings from the company, the company shall immediately notify the Public Advisor so that alternative arrangements can be made. Company representatives shall attend these public participation events and shall be prepared to make presentations and answer questions about the applications.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated January 28, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JOHN E. THORSON

John E. Thorson
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Public Participation Hearings on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated January 28, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.